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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois currently has the largest
3 contingent of combat troops deployed overseas since the Second
4 World War in Task Force Phoenix VIII in Afghanistan; and

5 WHEREAS, A 2008 Rand study claims that nationally at least
6 300,000 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans suffer from
7 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), while another 320,000
8 suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); and

9 WHEREAS, The aforementioned Rand study also concludes that
10 "a majority of the injured are not receiving help from either
11 the Pentagon or the [United States Department of Veterans
12 Affairs] "; and

13 WHEREAS, It is likely that many Illinois veterans would, as
14 a matter of convenience, seek treatment for PTSD through their
15 local health care providers rather than through the United
16 States Department of Veterans Affairs; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 encourage and support action by the Illinois Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs to cause private health care providers to be
21 reimbursed for their costs associated with the treatment of

1 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder sought by veterans; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That we encourage and support action by the
4 Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide the
5 resources necessary for private health care providers to seek
6 continuing education in the effective diagnosis and treatment
7 of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 delivered to the Governor and the Director of Veterans'
10 Affairs.